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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed along with a Petition for Withdrawal of Patent From Issue and a Request for Continued Examination.

Copies of the listed documents are enclosed. Also enclosed is a copy of an Office Action issued by the Japanese Patent Office in a related Japanese application and an English-language translation thereof.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider these documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

With respect to the non-English language document, Applicant provides the following remarks:

<u>JP-A-H10-451821:</u> This document was cited by the Japanese Patent Office in the Office Action enclosed herewith. Additionally, this document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 5,845,651, a copy of which is also enclosed herewith.

EP0799588: This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 5,845,651, a copy of which is also enclosed herewith.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Patent and Trademark Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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